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MOTOR HAVING A ROTOR WITH INTERIOR SPLIT-PERMANENT-MAGNET  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/471,375,  
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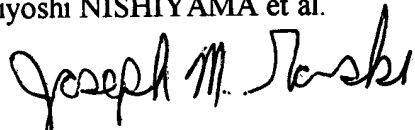
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